

S-440  
Gladys Handy House  
Upper Hill  
Private

c. 1900

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# HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: GLADYS HANDY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-440

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Industrial-Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-440

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common GLADYS HANDY HOUSE

**2. Location**

street & number 2835 Upper Hill Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Gladys Handy

street & number P. O. Box 211 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code MD 21868

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somersset County Clerk of Court liber 135

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 121

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☐ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Gladys Handy house is located at 2835 Upper Hill Road in the community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay by one-room dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1900, the two-story side hall/parlor main house is supported by a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is uniformly clad with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the single-pile main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The west (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with an enclosed shed porch covering the first floor. A pair of two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

Defining the gable ends are single two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors. An interior end brick stove chimney rises through the north gable end, and it is topped by a corbelled cap. The south gable end is distinguished by a small four-pane attic window turned on its side in order to imitate a pointed sash.

Extending eastward from the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing that is extended on its south side by a single-story shed roofed addition. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stove chimney. The north side of the kitchen wing is marked by a side entrance and two-over-two sash windows.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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MARYLAND  
 200  
 100 COMPANY  
 CROWN  
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 100 COMPANY

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GLADYS HANDY HOUSE  
2835 Upper Hill Road  
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland  
Chain of title

135/121                      Sarah Redding  
                                 Henry Redding

to

12/31/1945                      Gladys Handy                      1 acre

94/130                              Isaac J. Maddox & others

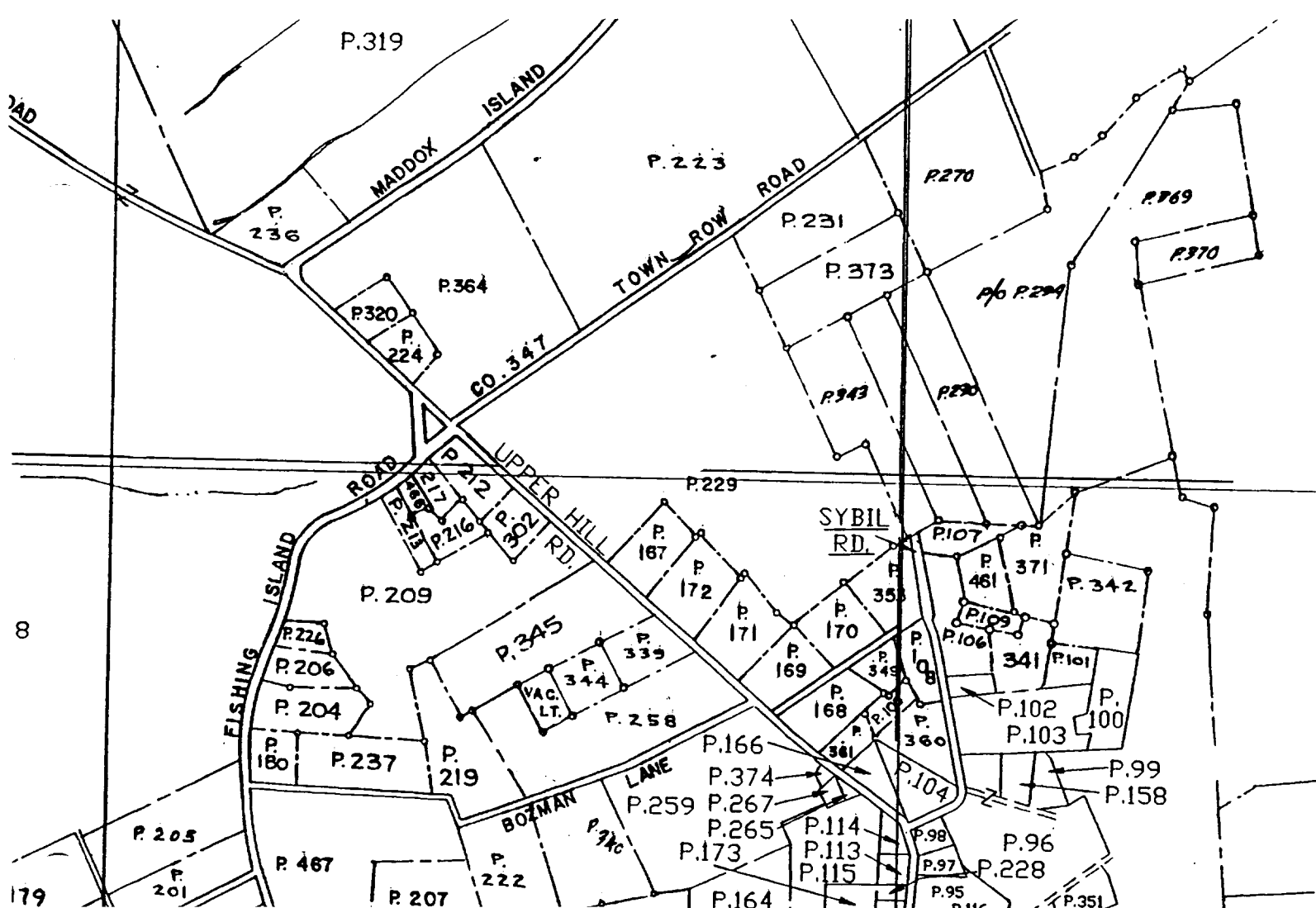
to

2/23/1927                      Robert F. Moore  
                                 Sarah Moore                      \$650.00  
                                 the said Robert F. Moore having died and  
                                 Sarah Moore his wife having married Henry  
                                 Redding  
                                 "Freetown Hill"

GWL 94/96                              Robert H. Jones

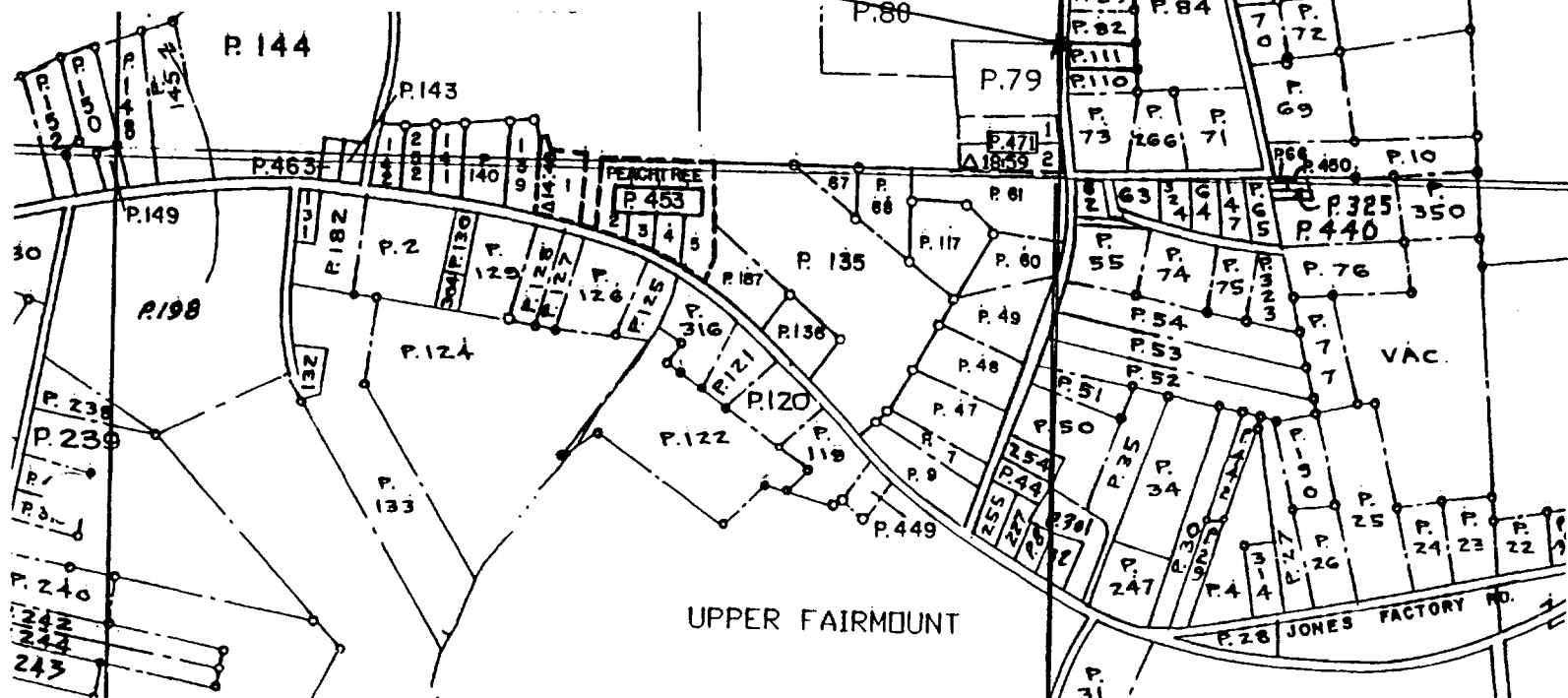
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3/14/1927                              Isaac Maddox



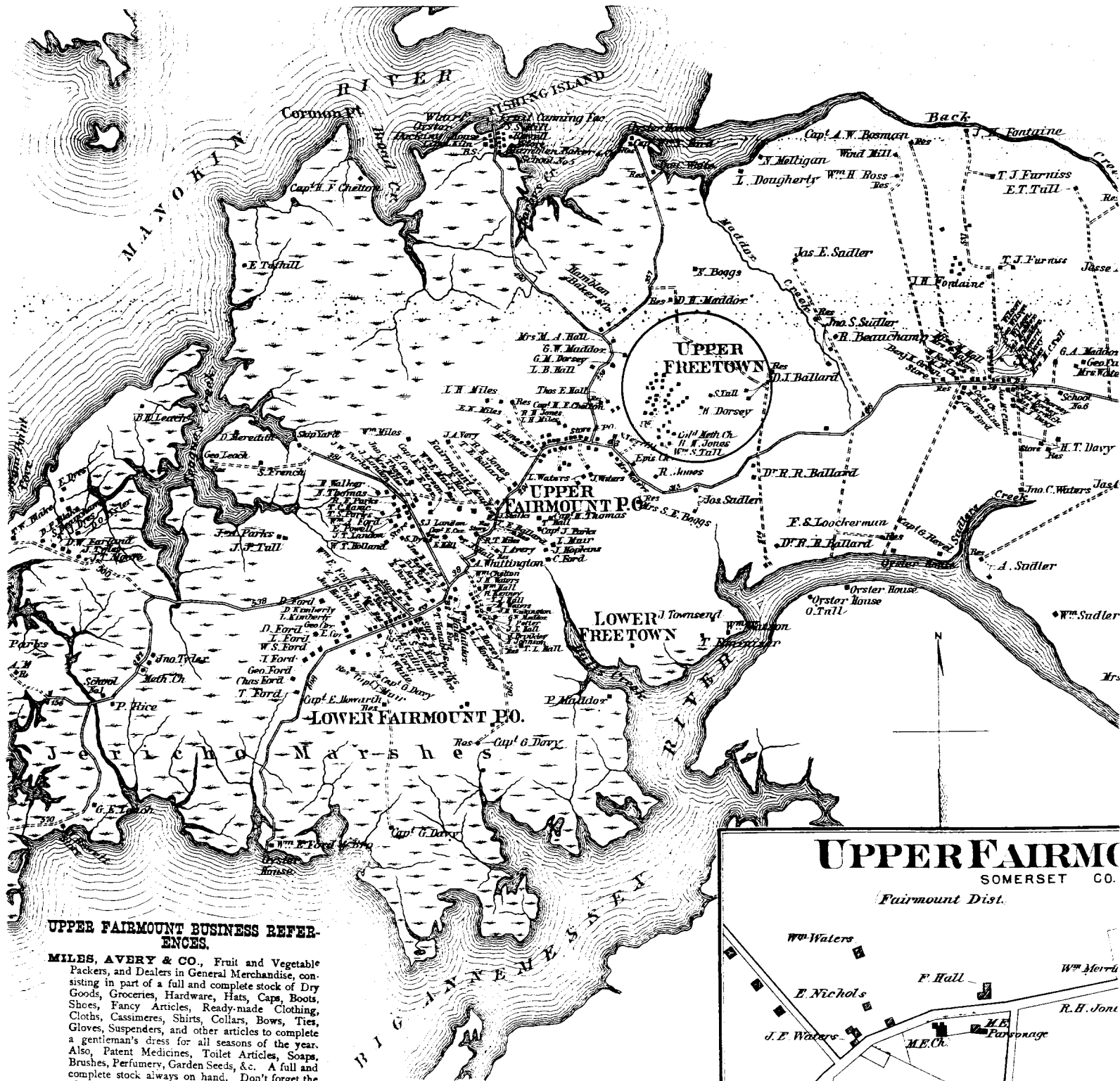
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Map 39, Parcel 111



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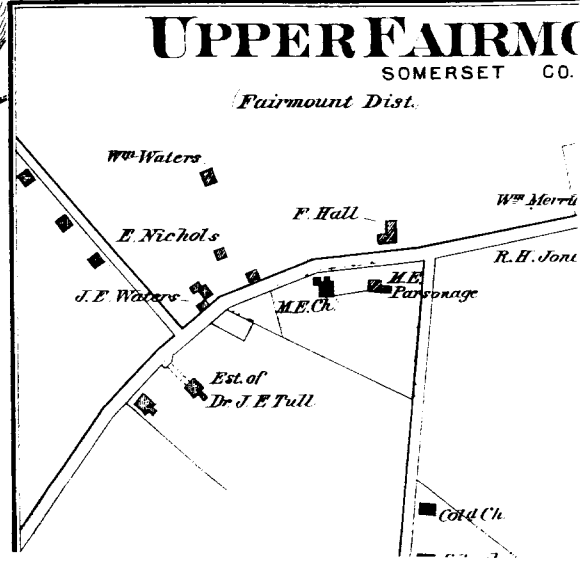
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Upper Hill, Somerset Co., MD

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
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GLASS HARRY HASE  
UPPER Hill, SOMERSET Co., MD

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